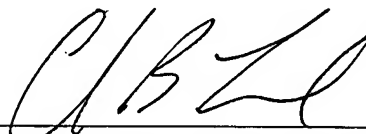


REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action of February 21, 2006. Claims 82-96 are pending. Claim 82 has been amended. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect to prosecute one of eight groups of claims identified in the Office Action. In response to the species election, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to examine the claims of Group I. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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